After his chere the Pedler can chat,
And tell many lesings of this, and that:
And how he could shewe many a fine knack.
Tho shewed his ware, and opened his packe,
All saue a bell, which he left behind
In the bas-ket for the Kidde to fynd.
Which when the Kidde stooped downe to catch,
He popt him in, and his bas-ket did latch,
Ne staied he once, the dore to make fast,
But ranne awaye with him in all hast.
Home when the doubtfull Damme had her hyde,
She mought see the dore stand open wyde.
All agast, lowdly she gan to call
Her Kidde: but he nould answere at all.
Tho on the flore she sawe the merchandise,
Of which her sonne had sette to dere a prise.
What helpe? her Kidde shee knewe well was gone:
Shee weeped, and wayled, and made great mone.
Such end had the Kidde, for he nould warned be
Of craft, coloured with simplicitie:
And such end perdie does all hem remayne,
That of such fallers freendship bene fayne.

PALINODIE.

Truly *Piers*, thou art beside thy wit,
Furthest fro the marke, weening it to hit,
Now I pray thee, lette me thy tale borrowe
For our sir Iohn, to say to morrowe
At the Kerke, when it is holliday:
For well he meanes, but little can say.
But and if Foxes bene so crafty, as so,
Much needeth all shepheards hem to knowe.

PIERS.

Of their falshode more could I recount.
But now the bright Sunne gynneth to dismount:
And for the deawie night now doth nye,
I hold it best for vs, home to hye.

Palinodes En

Piers his Embler

GLOSSE

Thilke) this same moneth. It is applyed to the seaso
light them selues vvith pleasaunce of fieldes
Bloncket liueries) gray coates. Yclad) array
In euery where) a straunge, yet proper kind of speak
Buskets) a Diminutiue. s. little bushes of hauthorne
A shole) a multitude; taken of fishe, whereof some g
to swimme in a shole.
Yode) vvent. Iouyssance) ioye. Svvinck) labour.
Great pan) is Christ, the very God of all shepheard
and good shepherd. The name is most righ
Pan signifieth all or omnipotent, vvhich is
name (as I remember) he is called of Euse
uang; vvho thereof telleth a proper storye
recorded of Plutarch, in his booke of the co
stated, in his booke of vvalking sprightes.
that our Lord suffered his most bitter passi
passengers sayling from Italy to Cyprus an
heard a voyce calling alovvde Thamus, Th
of an Ægyptian, vvhich was Pilote of the
bidden, vvhen he came to Palodes, to tel,
he doubting to doe, yet for that vvhen he c
such a calme of winde, that the shippe stoo
forced to cry alovvd, that Pan was dead:
piteous outcryes and dreadfull shriking, as
Pan, though of some be vnderstoode the g
time vvas by Christ conquered, the gates
deliuered to eternall death, (for at that tim
and enchauated spirits, that vvere wont to
theyr peace) & also at the demaund of the
should be, answere vvas made him by th
the sonne of Mercurie and Penelope, yet
death of Christ, the onely and very Pan, th
I as I am) seemeth to imitate the commen prouer
miserescere.
Nas) is a syncope, for ne has, or has not: as nould, fo
Tho vvith them] doth imitate the Epitaphe of the

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